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HONGKONG, JULY 11TH, 1870.

It might perhaps be desirable that the
energy which has been displayed in Shanghai in reforming the "Volunteers Corps,"
should be imitated here. Although there
is no reason to apprehend any actual danger
in this Colony, still, in times such as these,
it is only right that all the means available
for defence should be turned to account;
and apart from the Volunteer Corps having
a good influence here, a salutary effect would
no doubt be produced at any neighbouring
ports, where there might be a liability of
disturbance arising; it would be known
that the presence of an efficient Volunteer
Corps here would enable a number more
men to be sent away to places near at hand.
It is true that the weather is somewhat un-
pleasantly hot for volunteering exercises,
and it would no doubt be difficult to re-
duce the drilling to as low a point as
compatible with ensuring efficiency in the
Force; but it would doubtless be a very
desirable thing that there should be some
organisation in the Colony which could
co-operate in case of necessity in maintaining
order. The troops that will, in any case
remain will no doubt afford considerable
protection, and the Silk Policemen will
also be of great advantage, as they are
trained soldiers, and would be thoroughly
reliable upon all occasions, but the ten-
sions of organisation among the general
public are so obvious that there can be
hardly a question of the desirability of
getting the Volunteers again together. It
is true we have no reason to anticipate dif-
ficulties here; but there is no better way of
steering clear of the possibility of their
arising than allowing ourselves to be thor-
oughly prepared to meet them. There are a
great many residents in the Colony who are al-
ready well acquainted with their drill,
and who, if a Corps were organised, would be
in thorough trim in a short space of time.
The chief advantage of the step would prob-
ably be in its moral effect as, showing that
the inhabitants of the Colony were prepared
to protect themselves in all cases of emer-
gency.

The British ship *Monkton*, from Penang for
Hongkong, passed through the Straits on the
29th ult., and wished to be reported—
Singapore Times.

The U.S. frigate *Deitore*, from Hongkong,
arrived at Singapore on the 29th ult., and
immediately saluted the British flag, and
having returned from Fort Canning.—
Singapore Times.

The *Gazette* of Saturday afternoon, the important
newspaper of the colony, under the Assistant
Superintendent of Police, to be Acting Captain
Superintendent of Police, during the absence
on leave of W. M. Deane, Esq.

The following account of the average amount
of Bank Notes in circulation, Hongkong,
during the month ending 20th June, 1870, is
published in Saturday's *Standard*:—

Oriental Bank Corporation, \$472,100
Chartered Bank of India, Australia
London and China, 608,320
Chartered Bank of India, Australia
and China, 334,475
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking
Corporation, 1,309,125
Total \$2,724,119

THE MASSACRE AT TIEN-TSIN.

The steamer *Priam*, which arrived yesterday,
brings down the details of the terrible massacres
which has taken place in Tien-tsin. They
more than confirm all the apprehensions that
have been felt. Twenty-two Europeans had
fallen victims, besides no less than from 30
to 40 Chinese children at the schools, who
were smothered in the vaults.

The accounts given in the *Daily News* and
Courier are in various papers. The following
is a précis of the narrative as contained in
them:—

The outbreak commenced about 10 or 11
o'clock on the 21st, by a large mob surrounding
and stoning the French Consulate. Upon this,
the Consul called forth, together with Mons.
Simon to Chau Hoo's Yamen, and induced
that official to accompany them back to the
Consulate. According to the account given by
the correspondent of the *Evening Courier*, on
their way back they met the Che-hien, and
Chau Hoo's story is that the Consul fired at
the Che-hien, whereupon the mob rose and cut
him down, killing him on the spot.

Another version of Chau Hoo's story is to the
effect that the French Consul seeing him
shot, fired at him. Apart from the inherent
improbability of this story, and the strong motive
which Chau Hoo had for putting it about,
the circumstance in connection with it seems
sufficient to prove it to be an entire fabrication.

Chau Hoo declared that the French Consul had
been killed by his side, and that he had had
the body in his keeping. He sent six officials
containing bodies to the British Consulate,
stating that one of those was that of the French
Consul; but this turned out to be a deliberate
lie. The body of Mr. Fontaine, having been
picked up the evening before in the Kiang-nan,
was identified by several of his friends, as well as
from the mark on his coat.

When the French Consul and the Chinese
had been separated, at about two o'clock a
frightful yell rose from the mob, now ten
thousand strong, who were gathered round the
Cathedral. The priest, it is alleged,
had a role to play; the people, however,
generally showed unmitigated domi-
nance of hostility, more especially at Yen-
Tsun, Tsoo-foou and Kiang-nan. The
mob, however, were greatly disconcerted by
the arrival of Mr. M. E. Meyer, who was
quickly made to understand that his
presence was of great service to the
British Settlement, and that the
mob deserved to be put to their bloody work.
The mob, nine men, were seized, their clothes
dragged off them, their eyes scooped out, their
limbs cut off, and their bodies stabb'd and
ripped open. The building burst into flame,
and confusion and riot were everywhere hap-
pening. A young Russian girl and two of her
friends, who had been captured, were

carried into the trading capabilities of the districts
passed through. Mr. Moes does not repeat very
favourably, nor does he give any account of
what occurred, save from the ruined condition
of the cities passed through, except by a return
of the "Human Trade"; and this, from the
severity of that Provinçal law, the imperial
law, appears unlikely to occur at an early
period. The present state of the country
is of high commercial value—the small areas
of land, the mountainous character of the
country, and the rebellion and lawlessness
of the population render it difficult to discern
what other direction any great improvement
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The following is a summary of the
present state of navigation in the provinces
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M. Simon—Head and face covered with
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M. Thomassin—Head and face covered with
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